



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 873

LCO No. 2887

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 19a-112a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (b) (1) For the purposes of this section, "protocol" means the state of
5 Connecticut [health care facility protocol for victims of sexual assault
6 which shall consist of] Technical Guidelines for Health Care Response
7 to Victims of Sexual Assault, including the Interim Sexual Assault
8 Toxicology Screen Protocol, as revised from time to time and as
9 incorporated in regulations adopted in accordance with subdivision (2)
10 of this subsection, pertaining to the collection of evidence in any [sex
11 offense crime] sexual assault investigation.

12 (2) The commission shall recommend the protocol to the Chief
13 State's Attorney for adoption as regulations in accordance with the
14 provisions of chapter 54. [Said regulations shall be adopted not later
15 than July 31, 1997.] The commission shall annually review the protocol

16 and may annually recommend changes to the protocol for adoption as
17 regulations.

18 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 19a-112a of the general statutes is
19 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
20 *passage*):

21 (e) (1) No costs incurred by a health care facility for the examination
22 of [the] a victim of sexual assault, when such [an] examination is
23 performed for the [purposes] purpose of gathering evidence as
24 prescribed in the protocol, [described in subsection (b) of this section,]
25 including the costs of testing for pregnancy and sexually transmitted
26 diseases and the costs of prophylactic treatment as provided in the
27 protocol, shall be charged directly or indirectly to [the victim of such
28 assault] such victim. Any such [cost] costs shall be charged to the
29 Division of Criminal Justice.

30 (2) No costs incurred by a health care facility for any toxicology
31 screening of a victim of sexual assault, when such screening is
32 performed as prescribed in the protocol, shall be charged directly or
33 indirectly to such victim. Any such costs shall be charged to the
34 Division of Scientific Services within the Department of Public Safety.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

JUD *Joint Favorable*

PS *Joint Favorable*

APP *Joint Favorable*